Hyattstown, Maryland 20734
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Mr. Lawrence Schiller
Capitol Records
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Dear Larry:

When you interviewed me, I told you I am easily gulled. You proved it.

Last night I heard your Revolving Whitewash. It is less honorable than the government's whitewash or Manchester's unofficial one. It is a shameful betrayal of the trust of decent people, all of whom at great personal cost are engaged in the most distasteful work an American can do, to guarantee the right of intellectual finks to defame them. It is your freedom and the recapture of your honor (assuming you had some to lose) they seek.

You told me your purpose was scholarly, to make a document for universities. What you did defames the gutter. In a field in which distortion and misrepresentation, dishonesty and deceit yield fame and fortune, you have achieved preeminence by a simple, straightforward device: you pretended to be a decent guy in need of help in doing a worthwhile thing. All the people you slandered had no time but found time for you, without thought of profit, to try and help. What a shabby repayment!

You and Capitol Records talk of "scavengers" and of being unbiased? The word "love" in the mouth of a whore is more faithful.

I spoke to you in confidence. That confidence has now been breached twice. I therefore ask that you return all copies of whatever form of my interview. To cover you, I hereby state that the few words you so carefully culled from the hour and a half you taped are words I actually uttered. I expect you to see to it that no other use whatsoever is made by anyone, under any circumstances, of this interview.

If you retain a shred of self-respect, you will recall this monstrous injustice immediately.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the president of Capitol Records.

Sincerely,

cc: Pres. - Cap Records
Meagher
O'Connell

Harold Weisberg